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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR IDENTITY THEFT, BANK FRAUD

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for identity theft and bank fraud.

Anthony Allen Collier, 35, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to eight years and four months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Collier** to pay restitution of \$150,896.

Today's sentence, Graves explained, reflects an upward departure from the federal sentencing guidelines. "We are pleased that the court delivered this harsher sentence," Graves added. "Not only do the circumstances of this case warrant a longer prison sentence, we also recognize the significant impact of identity theft crimes. Today's tough sentence sends a message that, despite the increase in identity theft nationwide, those who take advantage of their victims by stealing both their money and their good name will be brought to justice."

On May 21, 2003, **Collier** pleaded guilty to charges of identity theft and bank fraud contained in an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 7, 2002.

By pleading guilty, **Collier** admitted that he stole the identity of another person in order to obtain a credit card and write convenience checks against the card in the total amount of \$15,500. He also admitted that he used a false date of birth and Social Security number to receive approval for a vehicle loan in the amount of \$26,000.

Collier admitted that between Nov. 18, 1999, and Dec. 10, 1999, he stole the identity of another person in an application for an American Express Optima card. **Collier** admitted that, as a result of using another person's Social Security number, he obtained a credit card and wrote three convenience checks against the card in a total amount of \$15,500.

Collier also admitted that on Oct. 26, 1999, he used a false name, date of birth and Social Security number to apply for an automobile loan through E-Loan in the amount of \$26,500 to purchase a 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe from Roberts-Albright Pontiac-GMC Trucks in Kansas City. E-Loan is a contracted company that completes loan applications for NationsBank, now doing business as Bank of America. **Collier's** fraudulent loan was approved on Oct. 26, 1999. On that loan application, **Collier** falsely identified himself as Allen Collier, with a date of birth of Sept. 16, 1950 and a falsely stated Social Security number, Graves said.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Parker Marshall. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Service and the United States Secret Service.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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